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DEPT PASS US BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

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SUBJECT: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU REIMBURSABLE ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. KUWAIT'S BUREAU OF THE CENSUS IS RELATIVELY SOPHISTICATED AND WELL ESTABLISHED. OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS KUWAIT HAS CARRIED OUT A REGULAR FIVE YEAR CENSUS, MOST RECENTLY IN 1975. IT HAS ALSO CONDUCTED INTERIM SPECIAL PURPOSE CENSUSES BETWEEN REGULAR 5 YEAR CENSUSES.

2. EMBOFFS CALLED ON MUSAED AL-OMAIM, COMPTROLLER OF THE CENSUS, TO DISCUSS KUWAITI INTEREST IN REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY BUCEN. AL-OMAIM
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EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BUCEN PROGRAMS. HE NOTED THAT 8 KUWAITIS HAVE GONE THROUGH BUCCEN INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL PROGRAM CENTER, HE HIMSELF HAVING SPENT 16 MONTHS THERE. IN ADDITION, HIS OFFICE HAS HAD HELP FROM UNDP EXPERTS IN PAST AND PRESENTLY EMPLOYS AN EGYPTIAN EXPERT WITH WHOM IT IS QUITE SATISFIED. AL-OMAIM SAID HIS OFFICE NEEDED NO ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL

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ASSISTANCE. GIVEN HIS FAMILIARITY WITH BUCEN PROGRAMS,
AL-OMAIM FELT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR ANY SPECIAL BUCEN
TEAM TO VISIT KUWAIT, AS HE COULD EASILY REQUEST ANY BUCEN
ASSISTANCE SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.

3. REFTEL RAISES POSSIBILITY OF BUCEN TEAM VISIT TO
NUMBER OF MINISTRIES (COMMERCE, LABOR, HEALTH, ETC.). WHILE
WE APPRECIATE OFFER, WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT GOK HAS
HAD OVER 15 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN OBTAINING REIMBURSABLE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON ITS OWN. KUWAITIS CONSIDER
THEMSELVES KNOWLEDGEABLE AND SOPHISTICATED REGARDING
PROCUREMENT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND IN OUR
EXPERIENCE ACTIVITY DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THEIR ACCEPTANCE
OF PARTICULAR SOURCES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HAS NOT
BEEN WELCOME. ALSO GOK AND LOCAL PRIVATE BUSINESSES HAVE
INVESTED HEAVILY IN COMPUTERIZATION FOR NEARLY A DECADE AND
GOVERNMENT IS IN THE MIDST OF PLACING ALL ITODLM AND UPGRADING ITS
ALREADY RELATIVELY
SOPHISTICATED USE OF COMPUTERS.

4. GIVEN ABOVE, WE RECOMMEND THAT BUCEN TEAM NOT VISIT
KUWAIT. OFFER, HOWEVER, IS APPRECIATED. WE KEEP IN
CLOSE TOUCH WITH VARIOUS KUWAITI OFFICES WHICH MIGHT
AT SOME TIME FIND NEED FOR BUCEN ASSISTANCE. SHOULD THIS
OCCUR, WE WILL OF COURSE INFORM DEPT. AND BUCEN
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